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1. [REDACTED] the Chinese Communist Chekiang authorities established a new bureau, called the Civilian Soldier Branch, in each rural district. These will handle the recruiting, organizing, and training of civilians for the Chinese Communist Army.

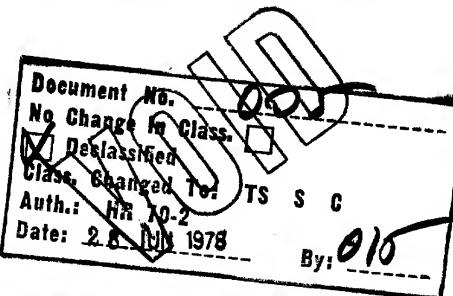
2. [REDACTED] the Chekiang authorities ordered all civilian telephone wires removed from the coastal area. This wire will be used for intercommunication between the forces engaged in guerrilla suppression activities in the Ssumin (121-, 29-), Peiyentang (121-01, 28-22), and Kuats'ang (120-, 28-) Mountains.

3. On [REDACTED] the 7 Fleet, composed of 17 gunboats, left its anchorage in the Yangtzu Estuary and the Huangp'u River, and proceeded toward the Choushan Islands to engage in one week's naval warfare practice.

4. During [REDACTED] the Peiping Government decided to appoint CH'EN Shao-k'uan (陳紹寬) to replace CHING Ting-ch'eng (張鼎丞) as Governor of Fukien and to appoint CH'U Ch'ung-wu (陳崇武) as Deputy Governor to replace YEH Fei (葉飛) and FAU G I (方毅).

5. By [REDACTED], price levels had risen 20 percent as the result of troop movements northward. Rice rose from J.P. 210,000 to 250,000 per picul. Prices are expected to continue rising unless the Communist authorities flood the market with commodities.

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